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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

FIRST OFFICE ACTION

1. Claim 5, line 14, at the end of this line, change the period (.) to a comma (,) or a semi-colon (;). Line 19, delete the first word "so".

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Salama US Patent No. 6,801,441.

Salama's Fig. 10 circuit is identical to applicant's Fig. 2 circuit, therefore, the claimed subject matter should be the same as that of Salama's teaching.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 9, Salama Fig. 10 shows a rectifier bridge 20 and an inverter 21. The inverter 21 is connected to the rectifier bridge 20 **directly**, namely, there is no intermediate inductor or capacitor. The rectifier bridge 20 is a bi-directional bridge in that the forward rectification is switchable by semiconductor switches V1-V6, and the regenerative current flows through the reversed diode rectifier D1-D6.

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With respect to claims 2 and 10, because the rectifier bridge 20 and the inverter 21 are connected directly, and there is no inductor or capacitor connected in-between, thus, the ac load (motor 22) receives the same frequency and amplitude of the ac supply.

With respect to claims 3 and 11, the rectifier circuit 20 (and all rectifier circuits) will never reverse the polarity of its output.


With respect to claims 4 and 12, because the rectifier circuit 20 and the inverter circuit 21 are connected directly, the motor must commutate in synchronization with the frequency of the rectified voltage. If not, then motor will vibrate because the reversing current generated by the motor will flow from the motor to the inverter 21 to the rectifier 20.

4. Claims 5-8 are allowable because Salama does not teach a "close to unity power factor".

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Bentsu Ro at telephone number 571 272-2072.

4/13/2005


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